

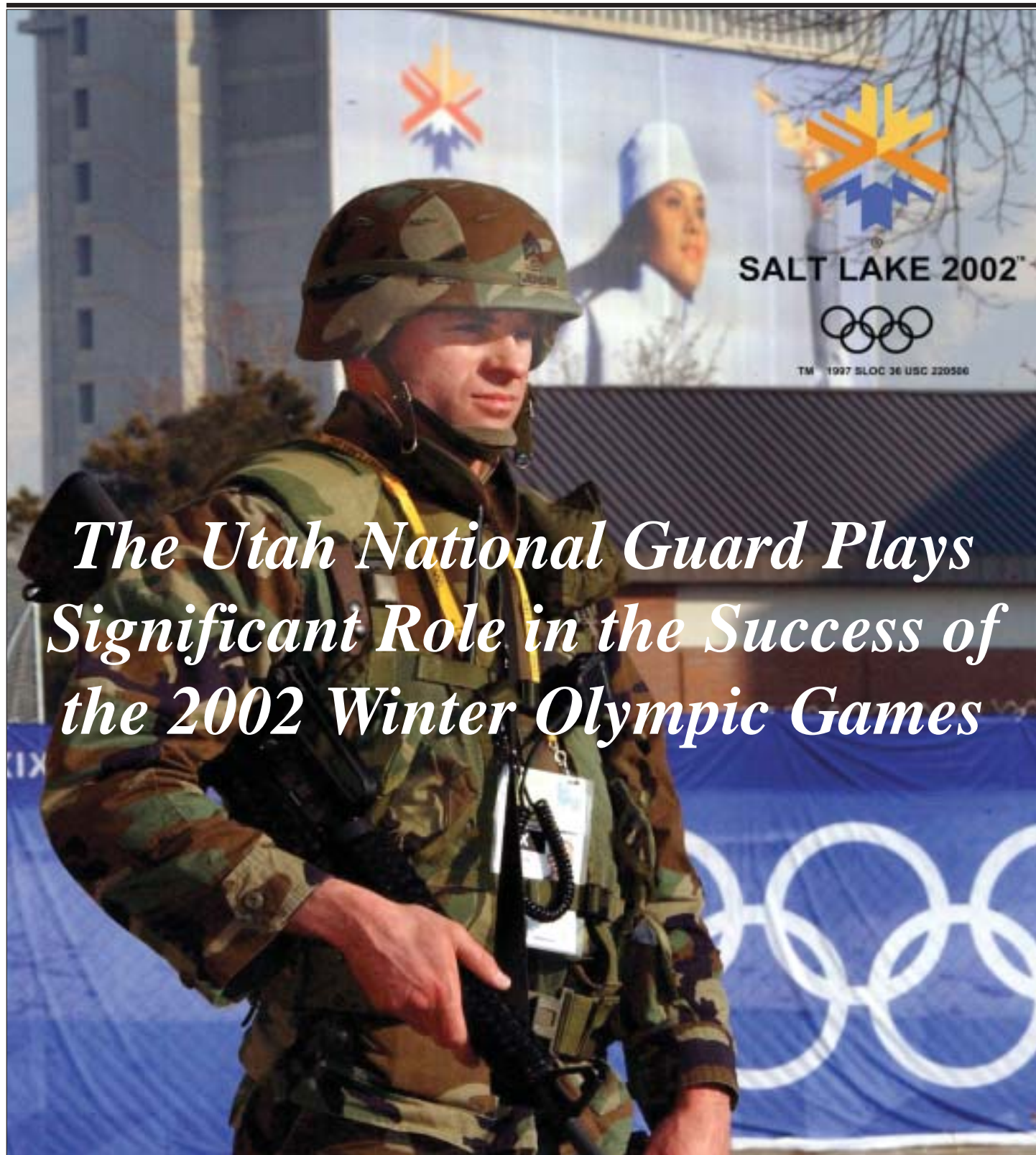
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TAG's Corner

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Major General Brian L. Tarbet, The Adjutant General of Utah

As I write this article, we are in the interim period between the 2002 Winter Olympics and the Paralympic Games. For the past few months, the pace has been fast and furious, and we have handled significant mobilizations for our forces for Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, while simultaneously preparing for and conducting security operations to support the Games.

From my perspective, I can only express gratitude and admiration for the

efforts of both the Army and Air Guard units in this state. You have met every challenge and obstacle, and have achieved results that have drawn praise from every quarter. You faced a huge challenge and you delivered. We can proudly concur with the motto of one of our task forces; "not on my watch".

In our effort, officers and soldiers from 24 states joined us. Nearly 2,000 Guard members were added to our ranks as we performed the Security,

Military Civil Disturbance, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Force Protection missions. The task forces embraced these soldiers and provided them to the area commanders and nearly 2,500 missions were planned and conducted. Of great importance were the outstanding safety and medical aspects of operation "Inner Flame" as very few soldiers were injured or taken ill.

The pace of our war fighting mobilizations continues. Task Force 211 just returned from a highly successful deployment to Kuwait. Elements of the 19th Special Forces and 300th MI continue to participate in military operations in the Middle East and Central Asia. The Air National Guard is fully two-thirds mobilized, with the 151st Air Refueling Wing, the 169th Intelligence Squadron, and the 109th Air Control Squadron now heavily engaged.

We have enjoyed superb support from National Guard Bureau in preparing for and conducting the Olympic Security Operations. Special thanks to Joint Task Force-Olympics for its outstanding logistical support that permitted us to focus the bulk of our personnel on the security mission.

If we have learned anything in the past few months, it is that the maxim "past is not prologue" applies. We must be prepared to be flexible, innovative, and adaptable. New missions will arise, and we must be prepared to deal with them. Nonetheless, we must also be ready and able to perform our assigned wartime missions.

Thanks again for a terrific effort. Take great special pride in your accomplishments and your mission performance. You are all a credit to the Guard, the state and the nation.

Top Army Enlisted Comments



photo by State Staff

Command Sergeant Major Dell K. Smith, Command Sergeant Major of the Utah Army National Guard

It has been very busy but rewarding during the past six months. We have all witnessed the events of September 11th and the changes that this tragedy brought. As members of the military, we are front and center again as we were during Desert Storm,

and patriotism in the country has never been stronger. Prior to the Olympics, the Utah Army National Guard had 17 percent of the force mobilized in defense of our country. When the Olympics were in full operation the percentage of the state that was mobilized was near 70 percent. Unprecedented numbers.

We have soldiers all over the world performing important missions. We also have soldiers at five airports in the state performing security missions, and we had over 1,700 soldiers mobilized for security of the Olympic Games. Once again members of the Utah Army National Guard have stepped up and have accomplished the mission.

I had the opportunity to visit members of the 211th Aviation Group and 19th Special Forces Group in Kuwait, and I visited every venue and life support area (LSA) during the Olympics and found our soldiers to be dedicated and highly motivated. I have also visited the soldiers performing security at our five airports, and they are doing an outstanding job. As I watched and visited with soldiers during the Olympics performing vehicle screening, magnetometer screening, and perimeter defense, I was impressed with their attitude and commitment for our soldiers. Some of these soldiers were in extreme weather conditions, but the importance of what they were doing came first.

The events of the past six months have reaffirmed to me that the character of the American soldier has never been stronger. Those of us who have witnessed the selfless service of our soldiers have been truly inspired. The American public appreciates our contribution whether it be at the airport, Olympics, or overseas and this appreciation has been expressed to me on a daily basis. Again, let me thank you for your service and commitment



Utah's Adjutant General Participates in Olympic Flame Ceremony

*By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau*

Running is one of the Army's ways of life, and two generals in charge of the XIX Winter Olympics' military operations ran their most memorable 350 yards while carrying the sacred Olympic flame in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the Thursday night before the Feb. 8, Opening Ceremony.

Army Brig. Gen. J.D. Johnson ran his leg south along 1300 East Street on the crisp, cloudless night before saluting and shaking hands with Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet as he lit Tarbet's torch for the next leg of the Olympic Torch Relay.

Tarbet is Utah's Adjutant General, the state's military leader, who is responsible for the National Guard troops from across the country who are reinforcing the massive security force that has been organized because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Johnson commands the Olympic Task Force that is supporting the Games with such assets as helicopters for transportation and communications, civil support teams, military police officers and places for the troops to eat and sleep.

The combined force totaled more than 5,000 troops by the time the Games ended on Feb. 24. The fact that Johnson passed the flame to Tarbet on the residential street lined by thousands of enthusiastic, flag-waving people symbolized how closely the two generals and their forces worked together.

They took their turns running the flame on February's first Thursday when the flame that was lit 65 days earlier in Olympia, Greece, first made its way into Salt Lake City as a signal to the



Photo by MSG Bob Haskell, NGB

Brig. Gen. J.D. Johnson (left) hands off the Olympic flame to The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet (right)

world that the Winter Games had arrived.

"I was privileged to run on behalf of the National Guard members who are here from about 25 states helping to support the Olympics," Tarbet said. "They're working very hard. They're working under very trying conditions, and they're doing a terrific job."

"He was so thrilled and surprised to be able to do this," said Tarbet's wife, Mary, who watched the exchange with the couple's three sons and one of their two daughters. "Her husband had been selected as one of the torchbearers just a few days earlier", she added.

"He runs five miles a day, and that was one of the reasons he was so happy to get the chance to do this," Mrs. Tarbet explained.

"I like to run. It gets rid of the stress. I should be running about 10 miles a day," Tarbet laughed.

Holding his torch high toward the heavens, he turned right onto 2700

South Street and then made another right onto Highland and Malvern Avenue before passing the flame to the next runner.

In all, some 11,500 people carried the flame 13,500 miles to Rice-Eccles Stadium at the University of Utah where the United States' 1980 gold medal-winning hockey team ignited the towering Olympic cauldron during Friday evening's Opening Ceremony.

Instead of their camouflage uniforms, the generals wore the uniform of the event – snow-white wind jackets and pants and fleece caps and gloves that were designed to promote the spirit, unity and pride of the Olympic Winter Games, stated the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

As for their own piece of the historical event, the two generals and everyone else who carried the flame were given the chance to buy their torch for \$355.

The Utah National Guard Plays Major Role in the Success of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games

By MSG Joseph M. Spencer

Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard didn't have "Center Stage" during the world's 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, but that was not the intent. Instead, our humble and capable Utah Guardsmen and women stood watch over athletes, citizens and our international guests during this period of unpredictable terrorist threat. The unprecedented security plan put in place to protect the games was executed superbly by our citizen soldiers.

Even as the Utah Army National Guard was engaged in Airport Security missions throughout the state, and had soldiers deployed to seven different countries, almost 2,000 soldiers were activated in support of the Olympics. Soldiers on the front lines performed missions involving perimeter defense, material screening, vehicle screening,



Photo by 128th MPAD

Utah National Guard members assisting with security screening at one of the Olympic sites

magnetometer (metal detectors) and area sweeps. Soldiers behind the scenes were engaged in command and control, weapons security, and various support roles sustaining our forces. Our soldiers performed in over 60 various missions at 20 various sites. Trained and on standby for Military Assistance to Civil Disturbance were two

battalions: the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery in Dugway, and the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) in Utah County. Fortunately their services were not needed.

Attempting to stay in line with Army Doctrine, forces were organized into various commands. The main command post, located at the State Headquarters in Draper, served as the overall command and control for five Area Commands and five Task Forces. Area Commands served as liaisons between the Operations Center in Draper, and the various Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs, mostly the United States Secret Service) located at each Olympic venue. When LEAs identified a mission requirement for the Utah National Guard, the Area Commands communicated the need to the Operations Center. These requirements were then staffed, coordinated, and given to the Task



Photo by 128th MPAD

The daily staff meeting for The Adjutant General and the Headquarters Staff to monitor all the activities of the Utah National Guard



Photo by 128th MPAD

Members of the Utah National Guard performing vehicle screening at one of the Olympic sites

Forces for execution. Task Forces dispatched the required soldiers to the designated venue, where they were received by the Area Commands at the venue under their operational control.

While on duty, our soldiers endured bitter cold temperatures and wind chills, but, thanks to effective training, leadership and cold weather equipment, no cold weather injuries resulted. Our soldiers had their stamina tested by long hours and little time off, but they endured extraordinarily well. Some soldiers were lucky enough to have their names drawn for tickets to events. Others were lucky enough to have posts where they could view the competitions. Regardless of their respective assignments, The Adjutant General and State Staff were continually briefed on the professional performance and high morale of the troops.

There was a continual flow of dignitaries visiting our troops throughout the games. Our Recruiting Force was on the ground to receive our

Commander in Chief when he arrived for the Opening Ceremonies. Sergeant First Class Bryan Smethurst had the opportunity to shake President Bush's hand. Sergeant First Class Zachary Cassita and Private First Class Tracy Marraquin (both of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion) were lucky enough to be coined by the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, while he visited the Olympic Village. One soldier, while "magging" people entering a venue, looked up to see he was screening Clint Eastwood. There were countless other experiences that our soldiers will never forget.

Regardless of where our troops served during the 2002 Winter Olympics, it was definitely an opportunity of a lifetime. Our soldiers represented the state of Utah and the United States of America with pride and dignity. We can all be proud that we serve as citizen soldiers in the Utah National Guard.



Photo by Utah Air Guard

Mitt Romney, Brig. Gen. Ralph Dewsnap, Brig. Gen. Larry Lunt, and The Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet await the arrival of the Secretary of State Colin Powell

President Bush opens Olympics

By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, arrived at the Utah Air National Guard Base on Feb. 8 on their first visit to Utah. The president came to town to officiate at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games Opening Ceremonies that evening.

Accompanying President and Mrs. Bush on Air Force One were Utah Senators Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett.

Greeting them at the base were Governor Mike Leavitt and his wife Jacalyn, Salt Lake Organizing Committee president Mitt Romney, and Representative Jim Hansen. Representing the military were The Adjutant General of Utah, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, and Brig. Gens. Larry V. Lunt and Ralph L. Dewsnup, the Commander and Chief of Staff of the Utah Air National Guard, respectively.

After the arrival of the president, the generals attended the governor's reception for President Bush at the state capitol.

In his speech later that day, President Bush remarked, "Utah is the perfect site to hold the Winter Olympics."

After the speech, Brig. Gen. Dewsnup said that the speech, though brief, was very warm and the president seemed very personable.

"It was an event of real dignity," said Brig. Gen. Dewsnup.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
Maj. Gen. Tarbet, Brig. Gen. Lunt and Brig. Gen. Dewsnup await Air Force One's arrival. All three were on hand for the president's arrival at the Utah Air National Guard Base.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
Air Force One touches down on the east runway.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
President and Mrs. Bush emerge from Air Force One.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Campbell
President George W. Bush and his wife Laura greet the Utah Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Tarbet. Brig. Gen. Larry Lunt, the Utah Air National Guard Commander and Brig. Gen. Ralph Dewsnup, the Utah ANG Chief of Staff, wait to greet the president.

Olympic Village Team Welcome Ceremonies

Air Guard Honor Guard helps welcome the world

By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

Olympic Village is filled with anticipation. The Games start in two days, and Teams Great Britain, New Zealand and Nepal wait in line for their welcoming ceremony.

A group of children, who drove three hours from Duchesne, are singing to them from the stage. Announcers in both French and English introduce today's Village Mayor, Spencer Eccles. After he welcomes them to the Village and to Salt Lake City, the time arrives to show respect and honor to each team's country.

First Lt. Doug Steeneck and Tech. Sgts. Al Rice and Mark Pendleton raise the flags of Great Britain, New Zealand and Nepal to welcome the teams to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

After each flag is raised, the national anthem for that country is played. For the athletes the realization sets in:

their lifelong dream of going to the Winter Olympics is here.

The honor guard spent the last week raising flags for all the countries participating in the Games as athletes arrived in Salt Lake City. They will

also participate in medal award ceremonies at the Olympic Medals Plaza, the E Center and the Salt Lake Ice Center.

Other members of the flag detail are Maj. Martin Shupe, Capt. Stephanie Seaman, Master Sgts. David Spjut and Eva McCombs, Tech Sgt. Joseph Shern and Senior Airman Lacy Atkinson.

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Barney, 151st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs, attended the Honor Guard team welcoming ceremonies at the athletes village on February 7, 2002.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

Members of the UTANG raise flags for Nepal, New Zealand and Great Britain at the Olympic Village during the Team Welcome ceremony on February 7, 2002. The detail consists of 1st Lt. Doug Steeneck and Tech Sgts. Mark Pendleton and Al Rice.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

The Olympic teams from Nepal, New Zealand and Great Britain watch as their flags are raised by the Honor Guard.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

Members of Allen Canyon Ute Tribe from White Mesa, UT, pose with members of the UTANG who raised flags for Nepal, New Zealand and Great Britain at the Olympic Village



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jensen.

Warrant Officer Don Fitzgerald with his Olympic vehicle.

Call to Serve the World

By Capt. Earl H. McIntire, III,

Members of the Utah National Guard are always ready to answer the call of our state and nation. Recently, Guard members were there when the world came calling. While more than 5,000 military members from 22 states were mobilized in support of the security and safety of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games, many Utah Guard members, in addition to their military assignments, also supported the Games as ordinary citizens.

Like many, Warrant Officer Don Fitzgerald, C Company, 142d Military Intelligence Battalion, was activated with his unit to assist with security operations at Olympic venues. In addition to his military service, Fitzgerald also served as an Olympic volunteer. When local officials made a plea for Utahns to help support the Games,

Fitzgerald felt it was part of his civic duty to respond. "I thought it would be a fun thing to do. And it didn't really matter to me where I was assigned. I would have been happy to take tickets, sweep floors, shovel snow, or be an usher."

Fitzgerald's assignment turned out to be a little more visible, however. He was selected to work for Olympic Family Services as a driver for the Mitt Romney family. Romney is president and chief executive officer of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC). The SLOC officials told Fitzgerald that his Special Forces and military intelligence background had a lot to do with his selection for the position. His Olympic associates are well aware of his commitment to the Guard, and Fitzgerald is proud that he's been able to serve both as a citizen and a soldier. "It has given me the opportunity to show the world what the National Guard is all about," he says.

Like Fitzgerald, Officer Candidate Shawn Boyd, a member of Class 46 of the Officer Candidate School, 640th Regional Training Institute, also juggled military duty with the Olympics. Olympic Event Services, which was responsible for security at each venue, employed Boyd. Boyd worked as part of a 24-hour security watch at Acord Arena, a hockey practice venue in West Valley City. Men and women's teams from Germany, Finland, Canada, and the United States were among those who practiced there in preparation for Olympic competition. "I really enjoyed the international experience and being able to interact with people from all over the world," Boyd says. His military background has also been a big help in his Olympic assignment. "A lot of people know that I'm in the National Guard. People derive a sense of security from the Guard, and that's important because people need to feel like they're safe."



Photo by Cpt. Earl McIntire.

Officer Candidate Sean Boyd.



Photo by Capt. Earl McIntire.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Frederickson.

Another Guard member with Olympic ties is Chief Warrant Officer Robert Frederickson. A member of A Company, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, Frederickson is a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, which performed during the Feb. 8 opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics. The choir sang the National and Olympic Anthems, and their recorded music was played at each medal ceremony during the Games. Frederickson, a 34-year veteran of the military who will be retiring in April of this year, knows the importance of the Guard's support to the Olympics. He said, "It gave me a great deal of pride to arrive at the Olympic Stadium with the choir and see Guard members there to provide security. It was really good to see them doing that."

Second Lt. DeAnne Trauba, Operations Officer of Detachment 1, Troop Command, was also heavily involved with the Olympics on multiple fronts. Her annual training duty

consisted of working as the operations officer in the tactical operations center at the Olympic Park, Deer Valley, and Park City venues. Upon completing that assignment, she also worked as a volunteer for the biathlon competition at Soldier Hollow. Regarding her volunteer work with the Olympics, Trauba says, "I wanted to get more involved with the sport and the athletes." She is quite an athlete in her own right, having been a member of the Utah National Guard Biathlon Team from 1994-96 and 1998-99 and a member of the All-Guard Marathon Team during 1992-98.

At the Soldier Hollow venue, Trauba helped set up the biathlon course and cleared the chambers of competitors' rifles at the end of each race. "It was incredible to work so closely with the athletes and see them cross the finish line." Trauba will also be involved with the Paralympic biathlon competition in March. "It's just incredible to help out and be a part of the Olympics," she said.

Each of these Guard members not only dedicated time to supporting their military unit's missions, but they also sacrificed their personal time to help make the Games a success. As General George Washington said of the Minutemen, "When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen." These four soldiers, and thousands like them, truly personify that commitment.

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2nd Lt. DeAnne Trauba assists a competitor at the biathlon finish line.

Photo by Spc. Scott Faddis.

Utah National Guard Member Wins Olympic Gold



(Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell, National Guard Bureau)

Utah Army National Guard soldier and bobsled driver Jill Bakken (left) and brakeman Vonetta Flowers won the gold medal when women's bobsledding made its Winter Olympics debut on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Park City, Utah.

*By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau*

A soft-spoken Utah Army National Guard soldier was hailed as this country's newest military hero – or heroine – the day after driving her two-woman bobsled to a XIX Winter Olympics gold medal on February's third Tuesday evening in her hometown of Park City, Utah.

Specialist Jill Bakken, 25, of the Utah Army Guard and a member of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program, drove herself and civilian brakeman Vonetta Flowers from Alabama into the pages of Olympic history by winning the first women's bobsled competition ever featured in the Olympic Games.

The unheralded duo's two-run total time in their bobsled, USA 2, of one minute, 37.76 seconds at the Utah Olympic Park easily beat the two German teams that walked away with the silver and bronze medals.

The better-known American team of driver Jean Racine and brakeman Gea Johnson, in USA 1, finished fifth. Johnson was hobbled by an injured left hamstring and could not push that sled as hard nor as fast as she needed to for that team to gain the gold or any other Olympic honors.

"We were the *other* team," said Flowers.

"It's an amazing feeling. We had a lot of fun today," said Bakken afterwards. "There was a lot of tough competition, so we definitely had our

work cut out for us. The Germans are tough teams to beat.

"I just knew that I had to put in two solid, clean runs," added Bakken who has come back from her own significant injuries, including back surgery and two knee operations, within the past four years to become an Olympic champion.

"I knew we had to have a good start, and I knew we were going to do really well on that," she said. "I was thinking about how I needed to get down the track clean."

It was a golden moment for two other Army Guard soldiers, Bill Tavares from New York and Tuffy Latour from Vermont. They are the coaches for both of the women's teams and members of the Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Tavares, the head coach, is a three-time Olympian who competed in the luge during the 1992 Winter Games. Latour is the driving coach. His grandfather was a bobsled driver for the United States in the 1948 Games.

History was in the winning team's corner. Vonetta Flowers became the first African American to ever win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics, ironically during African American History Month. Their medal was the 21st overall for the U.S. team whose goal was 20 medals when the Salt Lake City Games began on Feb. 8.

They were the first Army-affiliated athletes to ever medal in bobsledding, according to World Class Athlete Program spokesperson Harriet Rice. They gave this country its first Olympic bobsled medal since 1956 when the U.S. men claimed the bronze. And the sixth gold medal that they won tied the

United States' Winter Olympic record from four previous Games.

"They were double trouble," said a delighted Col. Willie Davenport, chief of the National Guard Bureau's Sports Program and a five-time Olympian who won a gold medal in the high hurdles during the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City.

"This is proof that we are one Army. We come together in war, and we come together in athletics," Davenport added. "This is also proof of how strong the National Guard is in athletics."

Bakken joined the Utah Guard's 115th Engineer Group headquarters in Draper in March 2000 before becoming an Army world class athlete after completing her basic and advanced training by the middle of that year.

"She went from boot camp back to bobsledding," beamed her mother, Peggy Smith, who maintained that "I knew she had it in her. I'm so happy for her. She's gone through a lot of injuries and come back to do this."

About 40 members of Bakken's family, including her mother and older brother Joel, and 10 family friends witnessed the gold medal efforts that included a track record time of 48.81 seconds during the first run. Many of her followers wore ornate red and white hats and clanked cowbells.

Bakken is one of America's bobsledding pioneers. She was born in Portland, Ore., and she attended the fledgling U.S. team's first training camp in 1994 when she was a high school junior. That made her, at 17, the youngest bobsledder in the sport's history. She also played soccer for Oregon State in 1996.

Within the past four years, her mother recounted, Bakken has

undergone back surgery and operations on both knees. She has withstood the pain and repair of a torn Achilles tendon, and part of a bone has been removed from her foot.

"I had a ton of relatives there. It was awesome," said Bakken Tuesday night, admitting that she thought she was dreaming. "They've supported me through the whole thing - not just this race - but ever since I started sliding."

"I never really wanted to quit. There were tough times injury-wise, but I never wanted to quit. I wanted to go to the Olympics, and now I'm here," said America's newest National Guard soldier with an Olympic gold medal.

The United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation contributed to this report.

FAMILY READINESS

by MSG Ronald V. Linton

Are the Utah National Guard families ready and prepared for national emergencies and state activation? Just ask the Unit Family Readiness Group volunteer leaders. Family problems and emergencies have been minimal since the deployment of Utah Guardsmen to Kuwait, Asia, Southeast Asia, and Utah Olympics. The "Chain of Concern" of Guard families through the Family Readiness Group volunteer has been working to solve family problems and taking care of family emergencies throughout the deployments.

The families who attended the mobilization briefings with their

spouses left with knowledge that they had a person to contact in the event of a death in the family or encountered a problem they needed assistance to solve. They also received briefings on Tricare Insurance, military pay, legal rights, and benefits available to Guard families during the deployment.

The effort and care of the Family Readiness Volunteers has increased the quality of life for the families of Utah Guardsmen and enhanced the readiness of the units in the Utah National Guard. They deserve the appreciation and thanks from all members of their units for truly making the Guard a family organization.

(TGIF)

"The Guard Is Family"



The Sergeant Major of the Army visits the Utah National Guard



Photo by Utah National Guard Staff

CSM Bruce D. Summers, 2/222nd FA; SMA Jack L. Tilley, Sergeant Major of the Army; and CSM Dell K. Smith, Utah Army National Guard showing the Olympic Coin presented during visit to Great Basin LSA by Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley

I asked for a corner of the Utah Minuteman to hopefully convey to all of you how proud I am of your contributions to the Olympics and how impressed I was by the National Guard soldiers I visited in your state.

Although I had received a lot of briefings on our support to the 2002 Winter Games, I didn't fully grasp the magnitude of the mission until my visit. I saw soldiers working incredibly hard as they helped secure the facilities and take care of a number of other tasks that were all vital to the Olympics' success.

As I travel, I often speak of the importance of basic standards - things like fitness, appearance, bearing, motivation, enthusiasm and being trained and ready for whatever mission our nation asks of us. The National Guardsmembers I saw at all the Olympic venues were outstanding examples of all of these things. A large portion of our fellow countrymen will form an opinion of the U.S. Armed Forces based on what they saw of you and your fellow Guardsmembers, and I was happy to report to the Army's leaders that you represented us well.

I would also remind you that what you did was important not just for our Army and country, but to the entire world as well. These are trying times for people everywhere, and seeing the Winter Games proceed professionally and safely sent a message to the world that life will go on and that free nations will not be intimidated by the evils of terrorism.

Again, I hope that my simple thanks will mean something to you now and in the future as you reflect back on your contributions and the sacrifices you made. You have earned my respect.



photo by SFC Reed Gee

Utah National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk is used to airlift generators used to power the 1,850 fluorescent lights that illuminate the Olympic Rings

The Utah Guard brings Power to Illuminate Olympic Rings

by Utah Minuteman Staff

After many other attempts to transport generators into the Wasatch foothills to illuminate the Olympic Rings set, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) finally made a formal request to the Utah National Guard for assistance. The request translated into a tasking to the Utah National Guard's 189th Combat Aviation Support Battalion to use one of their UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to sling load the generators into place.

On Jan. 10, they sling loaded four large generators to the City Creek Canyon area just north of Rice-Eccles Stadium. These generators provided the power for the 1,850 fluorescent lights that illuminated the Olympic Rings, visible throughout the Salt Lake Valley during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

These lights were also visible to billions of people throughout the world. The lights create a 500-foot wide design of the five Olympic Rings which illuminated the foothills north of Salt Lake City.

Environmental concerns required an alternative to driving the large, heavy generators through the undeveloped natural area of the Salt Lake City foothills. They tried ground transporting the generators but found that they would have to widen and improve the existing roads before this could be accomplished, which brought prompt objections from the environmentalists. Requesting airlift provided the best option.

Each generator weighed approximately 4,800 pounds and was sling loaded, one at a time, to the site of the Olympic Rings and carefully placed on platforms slightly larger than the generators. This was nothing new for the crew of the Blackhawk because this is a combat task that they train for on a continuing basis.

"We're here to support the Olympics, as well as the state of Utah, in doing missions for the State, as well as the Olympic Committee," said SFC Bruce Olson. "Our role was to airlift those four generators up onto the side of the mountain," said SGT Darren Phillips. Phillips is one of the Crew Chiefs for the Combat Aviation Support Battalion and said, "cooperation between the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the State Aviation Department is what made the mission possible." The 189th was a key player in providing support to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.



photo by SFC Reed Gee

Sling-loading a 4,800-pound generator to power the Olympic



photo by SFC Reed Gee

Olympic Warriors

By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

Members of the Utah Air National Guard are not "weekend warriors" this winter. In addition to the numerous overseas deployments, many people from the base worked full-time in support of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

The 151st Air Refueling Wing showed its Olympic spirit in a variety of ways. The Security Forces worked with the Secret Service and local law enforcement to provide protection for a long list of dignitaries and heads of state arriving and departing from the base for the Olympics.

About 45 Guard members from the fire station, Civil Engineer Squadron and the clinic augmented the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP). They have trained with the Civil Support Team (CST) from Camp Williams to assist in HAZMAT operations in case of large-scale emergencies involving weapons of mass destruction, chemical spills or biohazard scares.

They trained to help with "hot" zone extractions and transportation to decontamination areas, if needed.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

Master Sgt. Kendall Larson, 130th EIS, installs a temporary antenna on top of the Federal Building in Salt Lake City.

"They were tickled to death to support the state and community," said Chief Larry Hall, Base Fire Chief.

The Public Health Section was tasked with Food Service Inspection for military food service facilities supporting the Olympics.

The base Public Affairs staff worked out of the Joint Operations Center in Draper and the Joint Information Center at the State Capitol to represent the interests of the Guard to the media as well as the various agencies that coordinated this international event.

The base Honor Guard, consisting of members from the Wing and the 169th Intelligence Squadron performed "Team Welcome" ceremonies at the Olympic Village Center for 83 of the visiting countries. It participated also in the Olympic medals presentation ceremonies at both the Olympic Medals Plaza and the Salt Lake Ice Center.

Additionally, volunteers from the 169th IS will provide language support and security at various venues around the valley.

The 109th Air Control Squadron's mission was the same for the Olympics as it is for Operation Noble Eagle: ensuring the safety of the community and families in the local area from air threats.

On September 21, 2001, the federal activation put 130 people to work around the clock. "My people are doing an outstanding job," said Lt. Col. Ken Gammon. "We work with our Noble Eagle partners to provide airspace safety for the nation; the 109th



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

Crew Chiefs, like Staff Sgt. Katrina Bradshaw, will be marshalling VIP aircraft during the Olympics.

helps do that at the local level."

The 130th Engineering Installation Squadron's Olympic mission is already complete. A team of airmen finished a project at Hill Air Force Base that provided a central location for the Federal Aviation Administration to consolidate aircraft tracking and operational information during the Games.

The 299th Radar Control Squadron assisted the U.S. Customs Service the Northeast Air Defense Sector with radio support during the Olympics.

The 299th had four people working full-time for the Games. Two worked in the Hill Air Force Base tower.

The National Guard proudly contributed time, effort and facilities to aid in the Olympic effort. We salute the volunteers who give their time and talent to enable the Olympic tradition to continue.

Demand for 130th 'Wizardry' is High

By 2nd Lt. Randy Tubbs

The 130th Engineering Installation Squadron "Wizards" services are in high demand around the nation and globe.

The mission of the 130th is to engineer, install, remove, and relocate communication equipment. For years, the Utah National Guard, Air Force, and DoD components have requested the services of the 130th.

In 2001, the "Wizards" of the 130th continued their long-standing relationship with Hill AFB by continuing the installation of a base-wide communications system to streamline the logistics and supply systems.

This year, the unit also completed projects at Buckley AFB, Colo., and at Gowen Field, Idaho. At Buckley AFB, the 130th team revamped the communications infrastructure for the Colorado ANG Wing and US Space Command. Gowen Field benefited from the unit's expertise in fiber and copper cable splicing and placement.

The Pacific Air Forces Command sponsored the 130th to perform their communications magic at Hickam AFB, Hawaii and several locations in South Korea.

This E & I unit is involved with the



Olympic effort as well, installing antennas at various locations throughout the state to facilitate efficient communications for emergency teams, Olympic officials, and logistics personnel.

A team of airmen completed an Olympics-related project at Hill AFB

that provided a central location for the Federal Aviation Administration to consolidate aircraft tracking and operational information during the Olympics.

The 130th also took a turn supporting Operation Southern Watch overseas. Thirty personnel deployed to Saudi Arabia in that effort.

In early October, the unit deployed members overseas to a classified site in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Communications at the deployed location were so austere that the team was not able to communicate with family or friends for several weeks - - no emails or telephone calls home!

In 2002, the 130th Wizards are already busy and expecting more tasking. As local, national, and worldwide communities become aware of the 130th's capability, they will undoubtedly seek their services.



Photo by 130th EIS

130th Engineering Installation Squadron members plant the squadron's flag at a deployed location in the Middle East. The unit deployed members to support Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo by 130th EIS

Members of the 130th EIS installing a communications tower at Camp Williams in support of the Olympics

1/145th Field Artillery Conducts 21-Day Annual Training Period in Dugway



Photo provided by 1/145th FA

One of the many challenges of a winter annual training is the MUD

The 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery conducted a highly successful annual training in Dugway, Utah from 5 – 25 February 2002. The 21 days in February were selected in order for the battalion to be readily available to support law enforcement agencies during the Olympics. During the year, the battalion trained to perform Military Assistance for Civil Disturbance and was ready to work side by side with law enforcement officers if an emergency arose.

The Battalion Commander, LTC Michael Barrera, emphasized the need to train on battery-level artillery tables. An aggressive training plan was developed that rotated each firing battery through a series of field training and live-fire exercises all under a battalion-driven tactical scenario.

In addition to the tasks of delivery of field artillery fires, unit movements, logistical support, and communications, the extra AT days allowed the Battalion to train on other METL tasks. With the assistance of CH-47s from the Nevada Army National Guard, the Battalion conducted air assault training. Artillery

raids were conducted as each howitzer and crewmembers were lifted by helicopter to forward firing positions. NBC training was also stressed this AT. Each battery trained on chemical contamination and subsequent decontamination and MOPP gear exchange.

The cold winter weather offered additional challenges to soldiers as average nightly temperatures dropped below zero degrees fahrenheit. An excellent safety program, supervised by CSM Eral Christiansen, ensured that no soldiers received cold weather injuries.

At the completion of the field exercise, Barrera addressed the soldiers and encouraged them to build on the training conducted this AT as the Battalion prepares for live fire exercises this spring and summer and a brigade-level live-fire exercise next year in Wyoming.

The 145th FA conducted Annual Training in Dugway during the February period to back-up law enforcement agencies during the 2002 Winter Olympics and it was another successful Annual Training.



Photo provided by 1/145th FA

CH-47 helicopters participating with the 1/145th FA in assault training lifting each howitzer crew to a forward firing position

Camp Williams Provides Support in Olympic Proportions

Camp W. G. Williams had the good fortune to host over 1,400 civilians and soldiers during the Olympics. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command (UOPSC), Task Force 211, and Joint Task Force Olympics Logistic Support Area Williams (JTFO-LSA-Williams) were residents of Camp Williams. While the Olympics went off rather peacefully, Camp Williams was a hive of activity 24 hours a day.

The FEMA was composed of personnel from several government agencies including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Department of Energy, the U.S. Forest Service, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Communication System, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the American Red Cross, the General Services Administration and Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces from California, Texas, Virginia, Arizona, Nebraska and Tennessee. The FEMA's mission was to support the state of Utah during the Olympics and take charge of consequence management in the event of large-scale or catastrophic disasters. The FEMA has worked closely with UOPSC and Joint Task Force Olympics to review and augment security and emergency planning for the 2002 Winter Olympics. The FEMA personnel expressed their appreciation for the courtesy and professionalism of the Camp Williams staff. The FEMA's website is an excellent source of information regarding their role with the Salt Lake City Olympics. The section on the search and rescue dogs highlighted dogs and their handlers from Utah. You



*Photo by Utah Minuteman Staff
FEMA emergency response vehicles set up at Camp Williams*

may visit their website at www.fema.gov.

The UOPSC was composed of paid and volunteer law enforcement personnel from around the nation. The 150 officers who stayed at Camp Williams came from almost every state in the nation to assist with security at the Olympic venues. The UOPSC also assisted Camp Williams with its physical security by providing roving patrols to augment the Camp Williams security staff and the 855th MP Company. The UOPSC had a helicopter standing by with sophisticated laser and infrared tracking systems used to detect hidden personnel. They expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and cooperation they were provided by the military during their stay. A few of the officers from warmer climates were not too impressed with the cold weather, but overall, everyone enjoyed their time in Utah.

Task Force 211 had personnel stationed at both the West Jordan Armory and at Camp Williams. Task Force 211 was unique because it was composed of soldiers from Utah,

Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington and Colorado. These soldiers came from 28 different units. The Task Force did an excellent job of organizing and coordinating these personnel to meet the mission requirements. The NCOs and officers alike had the chance to exercise and learn leadership skills throughout the deployment. The task force received a lot of appreciation from spectators, the Secret Service and the law enforcement officers they supported. One law enforcement officer even spent \$50 out of his own pocket to buy hot drinks for the night shift soldiers at Peaks Arena. The law enforcement officer commented that it was the least he could do to thank them for the tremendous support the Guardsmembers were providing.

The Camp Williams Staff was very busy supporting all the personnel during the Olympics. In addition to the regular camp amenities, several temporary additions were made to Camp Williams including an additional PX, another exercise facility, several day rooms with televisions, a game room with a huge

screen for viewing the Super Bowl and the opening and closing ceremonies in Building 304. The Maintenance and Logistics Shops were probably the two busiest shops during the Olympics. Maintenance ran 24-hour, 7-day-a-week shifts in order to respond to any maintenance calls, while still assisting with the completion of several buildings. Logistics was busy transporting everything from ammunition to MREs to Utah Visitor's Guides. Logistics also provided 24-hour, on-call forklift operators to assist FEMA with loading and unloading trucks. Logistics and Maintenance also opened up their facilities to the Urban Search and Rescue dog teams to conduct training. In addition logistics was tasked to set up the risers at the State Capitol for President Bush's visit. SGM Richard DeWolf worked long and hard to have a good MWR program for the soldiers.

Security was another of the busy shops on post. Fortunately, they had the assistance of UOPSC and the 855th MP Company to help them complete their force protection mission.

The following personnel visited Camp Williams during the Olympics:

LTG Russel Davis - NGB
 LTG Roger Schultz - NGB
 MG John Kane - TAG ID
 MG Gordon Stump - TAG MI
 MG Randall Horn - TAG NM
 MG David Rataczak - TAG AZ
 MG Timothy Lowenberg - TAG WA
 MG Mason Whitney - TAG CO
 MG Alexander Burgin
 MG Ronald Stokes
 BG Terry Barker - TAG OR
 BG Jimmy Watson - TAG FL
 BG James Shamess - NGB
 BG Gary Pappas - MA
 BG Walter Zink - TAG NE
 BG Rick Baccus - TAG RI
 SMA Jack Tilley - DOA

CSM Frank Lever - 7th Army
 CSM Richard Blanger - MA
 CSM Thomas Shunk - NE
 CSM Mark Ripka - JFC
 CSM Carl Christian - AFC
 CSM Dell Smith - UT
 SGM Herrera - CO
 SGM Flores
 SGM Pierce
 CMS Jeffery R. Mackey - JTFO

Task Force 211 History of Inner Flame

by MAJ Brian Critchett
 and 1LT Ivan Hurtt

Task Force 211 was organized on January 14, 2002, and located at Camp Williams and West Jordan Armories. This task force was unique because its command and control element was put together from several commands from throughout the United States instead of a previously organized unit like the other task forces. This was a challenge for the leadership, but LTC Dennis Tolman, Task Force 211 Commander, established a cohesive unit that overcame many challenges. The task force consisted of Army National Guard soldiers from Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and a command and control element from Colorado. The Utah soldiers were from the 1457th Engineers, 19th Special Forces, 222nd Field Artillery, 640th RTI and the 142nd Military Intelligence. A total of 28 separate military units came together from across America.

The mission of Task Force 211 was to provide personnel whose duties included vehicle screening, magnetometer, EOD sweeps, and perimeter security for the ice skating venues at the Olympic Oval, Peaks Arena, E Center,

Little America, U.S. Secret Service Warehouse, and the Salt Lake Olympic Square. Leadership from the different states did an excellent job in task organizing their units to meet the mission requirements through utilization of the NCO chain of command. This Olympic experience was an excellent opportunity to utilize the NCO leadership in training and deployment of the soldiers during the 2002 Olympic mission.

States whose personnel were activated with unit integrity were initially better organized, compared to states that requested volunteers, when it came to establishing the teams for meeting the venue mission requirements. Another key point for preparation was the importance of sending a leader's recon to Utah to observe the Life Support Activity (LSA), venues and surrounding areas, and meeting with the Task Force Commander. Oregon sent the commander and first sergeant from their activated unit. The inherent advantages of unit integrity in the deployment of their personnel when they arrived at the LSA became readily evident in how efficiently they were able to organize for their assigned missions.

When the states completed training, a leader's recon was dispatched to the venue sites. Not only was this beneficial for the states, but also for the venue commanders, as it allowed for an effective coordination of the various mission requirements at each of the venues. This coordination allowed a smooth transition from the first day and throughout the Olympic endeavor. Equally impressive was how the leaders disseminated pertinent information to the first line leaders and down to the soldiers. It was important to share as much mission information as possible as

soldiers perform better if they are aware of the mission responsibilities.

The training for this Olympic experience was excellent. The soldiers commented how professional and dynamic the instructors were. The magnetometer and vehicle training utilized "hands-on" instead of lecture as the primary method of training. This was important because most instruction was in large areas with over 200 soldiers. The instructors taught their various classes with emphasis to mission standard instead of meeting a specific time constraint for the training. This ensured that the soldiers understood the quirks and requirements of each particular duty assignment and would better perform at each assigned function. It was a challenge to train over 600 soldiers in the various missions in less than a week, document training, and arrange transportation. It would not have been possible except for the excellent cooperation and flexibility of the G-3 and G-4 shop at higher headquarters. We had to make a number of changes in the training schedule and higher headquarters was able to accommodate these changes to ensure that our training requirements were met.

Throughout the 2002 Olympics, the soldiers serving at the various venues were very appreciative of the public support. Several foreign visitors praised the professionalism and friendliness of the soldiers. They appreciated how safe they felt in light of the threat of possible terrorist attacks. As a result of this gratitude, morale was very high thus increasing mission proficiency. The Secret Service and Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) were as appreciative of the military presence as the citizens visiting the venues.

The food support at our LSA was

exceptional in quantity and quality. Meiers' Catering was flexible in adjusting to our mission schedule and changing their mess hours to accommodate the soldiers' expanded mission schedule. The manager told us that their main concern was to take care of the soldiers and if that required them to adjust their schedule to meet the soldiers' nourishment needs, then so be it. We could not ask for a better support. The comments received from the soldiers concerning the outstanding quality of the food and the positive attitude of the employees of Meier's Catering were countless. The down side is that we all need to lose weight now.

Task Force 211th had several exemplary performances from its soldiers. One man, attempting to enter the E Center venue, initially advised the Massachusetts female soldier who was conducting magnetometer screening that he was wearing steel-toed boots. When the wand beeped, indicating the presence of metal on the man, she asked him to unzip his coat in order to allow her to visually inspect under his jacket. He finally complied after a number of requests, and she noticed a concealed weapon on the man's belt. She put her hand on the weapon to prevent him from possibly drawing it and immediately called local law enforcement officers. The man said he was an off-duty officer but lacked the proper credentials. The Secret Service and LEO's praised the soldier for her actions. In another incident, a Washington soldier warned the LEO's that a man was acting very suspicious and nervous as he entered through the vehicle screening. He contacted the nearest LEO and checked his credentials. It was discovered that the man had an invalid driver's license and inaccurate credentials. Once again

the LEO's and Secret Service praised the attention to detail demonstrated by this soldier. These are just a couple of examples of the professionalism demonstrated by the TF 211 soldiers.

This Olympic mission was an excellent learning opportunity for officers and non-commissioned officers in development of planning, training for, and executing missions. Soldiers commented how the duration of the mission helped develop leadership traits that would not have happened if they hadn't participated in the experience. This mission stressed the importance of personnel accountability during mission operations and off-duty hours, and the need for direct leadership involvement at the first-line level.

Many of our soldiers were able to attend Olympic events as spectators thanks to free tickets that were randomly distributed throughout the JTFO. Others were allowed into the venues before the actual events to watch athletes practice on the ice. All this and the regular MWR bus runs into town were appreciated by the soldiers and helped maintain a high level of morale in spite of the long hours spent on missions.

The lessons learned were countless, but the greatest satisfaction was the privilege to work with soldiers from several states and be able to adapt and overcome the challenges. For all soldiers who served with Task Force 211 in the support of the 2002 Winter Olympics, there is a universal feeling of satisfaction in knowing that they performed a viable, necessary task. Task Force 211 was appreciated for their efforts, and they made a direct contribution to the National Guard's mission of Homeland defense.

Let the Medical Games Begin

by SGT Neil Lund

Whether in peacetime or war, medical care and medical support have always been a critical part of the military mission. The National Guard's Joint Task Force for the Olympics saw this need early and provided not only sick-call support at all Life Support Areas (LSA), but through Tri-care, backed it up with the best medical treatment centers available. By combining both the military and civilian systems together, "we provide real-world medical care to the troops, and others if necessary, in what is potentially a hostile environment" said LTC Dwight Broussard, Officer-in-Charge of the Park City Troop Medical Clinic (TMC).

Starting from the ground up, the three TMC's manned by Detachment 5 Utah STARC, provided 36 physicians, physician assistants, nurses, medics, administrative personnel and medical supply specialists to set up and run the medical mission. Initially, in mid-January, only Camp Williams was complete. However, because of early planning before the mission became operational, and a long workday running a 24/7 operation during the mission, Park City and Heber City were soon fully on line. Of the 5 five clinics tasked by the Joint Task Force, three were staffed by the Utah Army National Guard.

As important as the facilities were, they were not complete until additional staffing was provided by physicians and staff from out of state units from Alabama, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Montana, and Wyoming. "We learned the value of standardization as we quickly meshed these additional personnel into our operation, losing little or

no time in the process," said LTC Lynette Scott, a Det. 5 nurse from Bountiful, who coordinated and supervised much of the day-to-day operation in Park City. "They exceeded our expectations in providing first rate medical care," she continued, "and were important assets on our team."

From a medical standpoint, the National Guard is the kingpin in training soldiers from civilian settings and giving them military focus. The various TMC's and their attending personnel, from a dozen different armories, were proof once again the Guard system, when called upon, really works. "The professionalism and quality of their training was great," said SSG Jerrod Floyd, Park City TMC NCOIC "But what really made it work was their eagerness to participate and their willingness to learn. They made the medical mission a resounding success."

"The Park City TMC had over 600 patient visits in the 43 days the clinic was open," reported Broussard. "The patients' problems ranged from common colds, to line-of-duty and sports injuries. Fortunately, most were treated in the TMC's, but when necessary we used various hospitals. Patients temporarily too ill for duty but not ill enough to be sent home, were sent to the Ogden Holding Area staffed by the 328th Combat Support Hospital." It was an efficient and cost effective operation that took advantage of lessons learned in past deployments so this one could run smoothly. "We used our experience in setting up and running Dugway Troop Medical Clinics these past few years to insure the success of this one," said Broussard.



photo by SGT Neil Lund
*Strategic planning by
LTC Dwight Broussard*

The cold climate and mountain terrain posed challenging problems for the medical teams. Especially for out of state troops, acclimation to a severely cold wintertime environment was a common term in defining medical problems. "But we avoided the big ones -- frostbite and hypothermia," said SPC Lorin Van Duren, a civilian building engineer and medic from Salt Lake City. "I would say, however, that the 7,000 ft. altitude in the Park City venues, caused a number of headaches for those lowland troops unaccustomed to the thin mountain air. But then a mere headache is easily treated."

Education about the harsh conditions, training, sergeants that took care of their men, reliable gear, and extensive medical support proved invaluable as our soldiers excelled in manning their posts. They consistently maintained a high-duty-t-sick-call ratio while facing one of the world's harsher environments which saw temperatures dip to the minus 20's and even minus 30's of some of the venue sites while they were in the field performing their duty.

As with any operational mission, when it ends, our command structure reviews all the numbers and as they stand now will surely conclude the clinics were successful. But I want to add a personal note. For those of us manning our posts on a day-to-day basis, there is a deeper truth to this exercise. Even without the Olympics the days we spent bringing this baby to life were invaluable, especially at the person-to-person level. You quickly realize how very good our people are, very professional and competent medics and soldiers alike. But it was the Olympics and the national agenda that added a special touch.

Along with the work and the long hours, we took time to laugh and enjoy the moment. There were visits to the venues. We found time to tell stories, sometime ours and sometimes others. I remember one particular night after an extremely long day. We were all gathered around our tiny television set, some of us still on duty and others not, watching the medals ceremony. The national anthem had just finished and the cheering began when I glanced at one of our nurses quietly watching the proceedings. The tears welled from her eyes and streamed down her cheeks. Not just speaking for her or myself but for all of us, we were so very proud to actually be a part of all this. For us at Det. 5, the success of the mission is extremely personal, transcending the numbers.

115th Maintenance Company's Support to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games

by 2LT Emmanuel O. Oshitoye, Jr.

The Olympics for us took on a slow start. We were told we were not going to be needed for any special needs, except standby along with the rest of the battalion. So we decided to assume the task of preparing for the "just in case" mission. We set ourselves up for an annual training (AT) period during the weeks of the 19th of January through the 1st of March.

Senior leadership decided to divide the company into thirds to maintain a steady workable main force throughout the duration of the AT. Each third was on shifts of two-week increments, with each increment having an equal proportion of military skilled soldiers, enabling it to be self-sufficient. Since that time the company has gone through many adjust fires in order to perform the missions. We had a number of soldiers volunteer for 21 days and some 45 days of active duty. Also a few soldiers had to be involuntarily called up to perform additional tasks that were not anticipated. Adjust fires are a daily practice and something that has been proven to be an interesting yet difficult task to manage, but made easy with soldiers willing to go where the mission needed them.

Since the beginning of the games, things began getting interesting, to say the least. We were tasked with many add-on missions while maintaining our original mission of maintenance support for the Olympics.

We had the honors of being tasked with setting up generators for our visiting fellow Guardsmembers from all over the nation at Camp Williams. We were also asked to deliver a generator to the IHC hospital in support of the Marines. In addition, we were asked to support airport security at Salt Lake International Airport, installing the repeater on

Francis Peak for emergency transmissions for all of Utah's Olympic operations; doing vehicle sweeps along side the 211th Task Force, at Soldier Hollow to guard the cross-country Olympic skiers, servicing night vision goggles, howitzers, mortars, and small arms units for CSMS support.

We had the privilege of helping with additional duties such as setting up the State Capitol building in anticipation of the President of The United States, speaking there.

However, as much as we have enjoyed all these additional missions and tasks that we had the honor of showing our true commitment and dedication, our true love must and always will be the numerous calls where we have been able to put all we have trained for into action. In support of Utah's most memorable occasion, we have supported members at almost all venues, from the Heber City Airport to Snow Basin vehicle recovery missions, to installing emergency operator communication antennas, and repairing small arms and night vision equipment. In total we spent over 10,270 man hours, with 7,900 hrs (76.92 per cent) supporting the Olympics directly, not including security. We ensured that our fellow soldiers and airmen, both near and far, had the means to get there, with the communications to be heard, and the weapons to defend the citizens of Utah and the world.

Ultimately we would like to thank all of our superiors that trusted us enough to know that whatever the mission, the 115th Maintenance Company would perform gallantly and accomplish all missions with honor and prestige. Thank you for the opportunity of showing that nothing is too much for the Utah Army National Guard.

The Hinton Family Patriotic Service

By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

William Wallace Whitman rarely talked about his experiences during World War II, especially about the final 14 months when he was a prisoner of war in Nazi Germany after the young bombardier bailed out of an Army Air Corps bomber before it crashed.

But four other men in his family, citizen-soldiers in the Utah Army National Guard, are perpetuating Mr. Whitman's legacy of military service in a way that neither he nor they could have imagined when he died three years ago at the age of 74.

Meet the Hintons. Adrian, the father, and three of his four sons, Todd, Jason and Russell, have earned their keep as enlisted members of the National Guard's Homeland Defense force that has been formed to help keep the XIX Winter Olympics safe, secure and successful.

Mr. Whitman was the father of Michele Hinton, Adrian's wife of 33 years. She is a registered nurse and the mother of their seven children including the three sons who serve with their father in the same Army Guard outfit located in St. George in Utah's southwestern corner.

That is Charlie Battery of the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery whose modern 155mm, self-propelled Paladins would ordinarily be the backbone of its wartime mission. Todd, a sergeant, and Russell, a specialist, report to their father, a staff sergeant, who is the battery's ammo section chief. Jason, also a specialist, is a cook.

As the Hintons and thousands of other Guard members now know, these



Photo courtesy of the Utah National Guard Staff

The four Hintons, a father and three sons, who served together for 27 days in Salt Lake City, Utah, until the third day of the XIX Winter Olympics are, from left, Russell, Todd, Adrian and Jason.

are not ordinary times and this new war against terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks is not an ordinary war.

Therefore, wearing full individual combat gear and patrolling the perimeter around the expansive Salt Palace, where the international media is based in Salt Lake City, was their principal duty while the four Hintons were on Olympic duty together. They also scanned people with magnetometers and inspected backpacks and packages for weapons and other dangerous things.

When the Games opened across town at the University of Utah campus on Friday night, Feb. 8, the Hintons were performing their patriotic and constitutional duty in the city block adjacent to Temple Square, the center of their Mormon faith.

The artillery soldiers underwent two full days of intensive training before assuming the Olympic mission, Adrian explained.

The three sons were on active duty for 27 days before returning to their families and civilian jobs on the third day of the Salt Lake City Games. Adrian, a professor of horticulture at Utah State University, is in for the full 45-day duration until after the Games end on Feb. 24.

"My father was a prisoner of war. Adrian's father, Carlon, belonged to the Utah National Guard before the war. My children have grown up knowing it's very important to serve your country and protect your flag," Michele Hinton explained.

"We live in different places, so the monthly drills are a kind of family reunion for them," she added. "The four of them serving in the Guard together is a special thing for our family."

It is so special that the other son, Randall, who lives in St. George, intends to join the Air National Guard after metal pins are removed from his shoulder, Adrian explained.

"Our family's roots run very deep," said Adrian who was drafted soon after marrying Michele and earning his animal science degree in 1969. He received orders to go to South Vietnam three times but spent his first two years in uniform as a preventative medical specialist and mess hall inspector at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"We all knew before Sept. 11 that we would be spending some time on security duty during the Olympics," Adrian said. "After Sept. 11, everything changed here in Utah. This is an experience we'll never forget. We have a better idea of what active duty would be like, and we've developed a camaraderie with other Guard people we didn't know before."

After terrorists attacked New York City and Washington, D.C., in hijacked airliners, the original National Guard force of 1,500 was tripled to support the new demands for security that has surrounded but certainly not stifled the Winter Games in northern Utah.

There is nothing new about members of the same family serving together in the same outfit. The National Guard is, after all, a family and a community-oriented organization. The new twist is that many of them are serving together in a way they have never known before.

The Winter Olympics is the second straight national security special event



photo by 128th MPAD

SGT Courtney Pendleton from the same Battalion as the Hinton Family providing security for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games

in which Guard members have reinforced federal, state and local law enforcement agencies this year. More than 5,000 Guard members have been slated to support these Games.

Several hundred members of the Louisiana Guard did the same jobs before, during and after Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Secret Service, the lead security agency for both events.

That duty, some observers claim, has created a renewed sense of urgency and commitment among National Guard units that were already squared away.

"Our unit seems to have tightened up even more than it was before," said Jason, who is 26 and runs his own marketing business – specializing in troubled teens. "We have a lot more ID checks, and our military records have been brought completely up to date. We're taking this very seriously."

His grandfather Whitman would occasionally talk about his good and bad experiences during World War II, Jason recalled. Then he said: "Adding to his legacy by participating as National Guard soldiers during the Winter Olympics has been very exciting to me and to all of us."

Wing deploys to Cyprus

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

After several rumors and false starts, the 151st Air Refueling Wing, Utah Air National Guard, finally started its deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Wing activation order came in December, but the deployment location changed several times.

Colonel Brent E. Winget, the commander, announced that the deployment involves four aircraft and about 150 unit members and will last for about a year.

"We're ready, we're trained, and we're honored to take on this responsibility of serving our country and going where we're needed," said Winget.

The ADVON element left the base on January 17 and arrived in Cyprus on January 19. The follow-on contingent departed on January 23 and 24.

Unit members will rotate to and from Cyprus every 45 to 90 days,

giving most personnel an opportunity to serve.

The Wing will set up operations on an active British military base.

They are replacing the 92nd Air Refueling Wing, which has run the operation for the last few months.

Most members questioned seemed excited about finally getting the call to serve.

All four local networks, both newspapers and a local radio station covered the ADVON departure.

Colonel Winget will lead the initial deployment and return in about 90 days. Colonel Larry T. Johnson, the Vice-Wing commander, will stand in for Winget until his return.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

151 Air Refueling Wing Communications Flight Senior Master Sgt. Steve Mullin (left) and Master Sgt. Steve Yates (center) listen as Master Sgt. Doug Williams explains what is being packed for the deployment.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

Crew Chiefs, Tech. Sgt. Mike Fransen (left), and Airman 1st Class Ryan Bradshaw (orange vest), of the 151st Air Refueling Wing, familiarize British firefighters with one of the unit's KC-135E Stratotankers.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

Crew Chiefs, Tech. Sgt. Eric Hill, (with hose) and Senior Airman Ryan Bradshaw, rinse a KC-135E, a function that is done monthly to the tankers while deployed to certain climates.

109th ACS responds to activation call

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

The Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, by hijacked civilian airliners, resulted in the activation of the 109th Air Control Squadron.

The President used the partial activation authority to call up over 35,000 reservists, including the 109th for what is being termed Operation Noble Eagle.

The squadron members received calls on Sept. 20 alerting them to report to the base the next day. They processed through the mobility processing line on Sept. 22.

"The commander called from Washington D.C. and told everyone to turn on the TV," said a chief master sergeant from the 109th when asked how he first heard of the attack.

He continued, "The activation has been on my mind a lot. I have a ranch and raise cattle for others. The main problem is the hay I have to put up. I

may have to have someone else do that."

When asked his feelings on deploying he replied, "I have no desire to go to Pakistan or Afghanistan, the ideal situation for the family would be to stay here. However, some (unit members) will be a little disappointed if we stay here and don't go to the Middle East."

Commenting on the mobility processing, the chief said, "We had 100 percent show up." "They all seem excited," he added.

Two new 109th members, Tec. Sgt. Marlene Gray and Tec. Sgt. Laura Bird spoke about their concerns. Marlene has been in the Guard for nine years and moved to the 109th from the Military Personnel Flight just before the terrorist attack.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brad Leiter
Staff Sgt. Kevin Ryan (left), Staff Sgt. Casey Ferguson, and Sgt. Steve Loader, monitor radar equipment February 9, 2002 from the Maintenance Command Center at a remote site.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brad Leiter
Master Sgt. Thane Rumsey, stands in front of a AN-TPS 75 radar being used to monitor air space over Utah on February 9, 2002.

was getting my kids ready for school when I heard about the attack. I have been in the Guard for 11 years and have deployed before to Spain, Italy, Missouri and Hawaii."

"I worry about my kids because both me and my husband and I are in the Guard," Laura added. "I am not sure how it will affect them."

"Marlene had to be given a crash course in chemical warfare, CPR, weapons training and self-aid and buddy care. People in other squadrons do not have the same requirements to do it as often," said the 109th commander.

When asked about her chemical warfare training Marlene said, "It wasn't bad."

When asked if she got her mask on in time, she laughed and said, "I did not. I still need to practice."

As of this writing, the 109th does not know where they will deploy or even if they will deploy, but if the call comes as their motto says "Anytime, anywhere."

When asked about how she thought it would affect her, she said, "My home life is okay since my kids are grown, but I will miss my granddaughter. That will be hard."

"I have never deployed, so I considered going back to the MPF." she joked.

Laura said, "I



by Lt. Col. Tom Shaw

The 40th Annual Freedom Academy was held at Camp W.G. Williams from July 29 to August 3, 2001. Freedom Academy is a week-long activity sponsored by the Utah National Guard. Invitations are sent to all the high schools throughout the state requesting a delegate from among their governing student body officers. Eighty-seven delegates, representing over 60 high schools participated in the 2001 academy.

The Academy's mission statement is: To promote the principles, ideas, and vision of America; to promote patriotism; and to provide motivation to be actively involved in preserving the freedoms we enjoy in America. To accomplish our mission, the delegates are exposed to a wide variety of prominent government, business, civic, and military leaders. They also participate in various patriotic, leadership development, and team-building activities. Throughout the academy, the delegates are encouraged to conduct their own patriotic programs and assemblies upon return to their schools.

Upon arrival at Freedom Academy, the delegates are assigned to a group and to a counselor. Later that evening they were welcomed by Brig. Gen. Gordon, the Deputy Adjutant General, who challenged them to learn and gain

a greater appreciation of freedom and begin to network and share ideas and insights with each other.

Daily activities began with a 6:30 a.m. wake-up and concluded no earlier than 11:00 p.m. Some of this year's speakers included Ed Pinegar who spoke on how choices now will affect the rest of your life. Don Sterling from SLOC spoke about the Olympics and Freedom. Steve Chindgren brought a live Bald Eagle and spoke about its role in America and its symbolism. Gordon Birch represented Freedom Foundation and spoke about our unlimited opportunities in America. Our final speaker, Scott Anderson, made the delegates realize that as student body officers "they can make a difference".

Additional highlights of the academy included a visit to the state capitol and Federal Justice building to hear from various government leaders. Local media personalities participated in a lively panel discussion on "Freedom of the Press." Team building was taught to the delegates as they navigated their way through the Leadership Reaction Course. Respect and understanding for the American Flag during a Flag Retirement Ceremony instilled an unquenchable desire to always honor the flag. During the Speech and Talent competitions the delegates expressed heartfelt thanks for the freedoms that they en-

joy. Finally, loss of freedom was demonstrated during a tour and inmate panel discussion at the Utah State Prison.

Each major subordinate command of the Utah Army and Air National Guard was given the opportunity to display their equipment and give the delegates hands-on training. The delegates fired artillery, drove "hummers," rappelled, and took the fireman's challenge.

The dates for this year's Freedom Academy will be July 28 - August 2, 2002. We look forward to your continued support in making this 41st annual academy the greatest in history. This program cannot and will not be successful without your assistance. I thank each of you in advance for helping to make these future leaders the most prepared group to shoulder the burden of continuing our freedoms.

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah, the National Guard Association of Utah (NGAUT) and the Enlisted National Guard Association of Utah (ENGAUT) provided funding for the Freedom Academy. Other contributions came from Swire Coca-Cola, AT&T Wireless, Wilkenson's Trophy, Alliant Food Service, Arrow America Video, Mountain Land Business Systems, Papa John's Pizza, Peterson's Market and Berrett Blossoms.

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Flameout at the 19th Hole

*By Cdr John Mohoney, USN
(Retired), reprinted from ASHORE
magazine, Spring 1999*

Call 911! Get an ambulance over here now!" I yelled as I saw my buddy sitting in his chair unconscious and vomiting all over himself. What a way to end 18 holes of golf.

It had been a beautiful Saturday morning when we'd teed up, even though thunderstorms were predicted for the afternoon, and it was going to be 90 degrees Fahrenheit and humid. We took practice swings while waiting for our fourth player, Jim, to show up. Ten minutes before our 7:40 a.m. tee-time, he arrived. "Hey Jim," I said, "I hope you brought plenty of water with you today. It's going to be a scorcher." "No, I didn't," he replied, as he began hitting a few practice balls.

I ran back to the clubhouse to get a score card and buy Jim a 16-ounce bottle of water. That way, he would have something to drink and a container to fill with more water as we walked the course and carried our heavy bags. Throughout the 18 holes, we kept warning Jim that he needed to drink lots of water. All the times I've golfed with Jim, he never seemed to drink enough water. He always took small sips, and on this day, I never saw him fill his container once. Near the end of the round--with the temperature really high--I asked him if he wanted a cold drink from the machines. He said no; he had his water.

We finished the round at noon and,

as always, went straight to the 19th Hole for refreshments. We were all hot and relieved to get out of the sun and into an air-conditioned room. A few moments later, we were seated around a table and enjoying a cold one.

By this time, Jim wasn't looking and acting his usual self. I asked him if he was OK. He said he was just hot and tired. I told him he looked as though he needed some water and went to get him a glass. I also got a cold, wet rag to put on his neck.

When I returned to the table, Jim was unconscious and vomiting. According to one of the other golfers, while I was waiting to get served, Jim's eyes had rolled to the back of his head, and he had passed out. While we tried to revive him, I yelled for someone to call 911. After a few moments Jim came to.

While waiting for the paramedics, we put the cold compresses on the back of Jim's neck and gave him water to drink. When the paramedics arrived, they checked Jim's vital signs and asked us what happened. Then they asked him for a short personal history. That's when we found out that Jim had no breakfast that morning--only a cup of coffee. He also didn't drink the full bottle of water I gave him at the beginning of the round.

Jim didn't have a clue that he had fainted and vomited. He was still pale and weak, so the paramedics put him on oxygen. That seemed to do the trick. Within minutes, Jim was acting like his old self again. I drove him home. Later, I called Jim and made sure he was OK.

Jim is just like most of us. We think that if we are in good shape, we should be able to do almost anything. What is so tough about walking around a golf course with a golf bag on your back for 18 holes, regardless of the heat?

I learned my lesson about the effects of dehydration 16 years ago during a 70-mile bike race through rolling hills in Mexico. It was a hot day--more than 95 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. I was 29 years old, and both the bike and I were in great shape. Well into the race, I realized I was getting dehydrated. Even though I had eaten a good breakfast and had drunk water, I hadn't had enough water for something as grueling as this. I vomited several times during the last half of the race and felt like I was burning up inside. Looking back, I feel I was lucky to survive.

Jim was fortunate that he got through those 18 holes. We don't know what would have happened if his body had given out on the golf course, away from the cold compresses, water or a phone to call for help immediately. If we hadn't gotten his core temperature down rapidly, he could have suffered brain damage or even died.

Drinking plenty of water during hot weather is a must when you are exercising, working in your yard or doing military training--anything outside. Your age and physical condition don't make any difference. You need to drink water before you start your activity, and also during and after. Don't wait until you are thirsty. By then, it may be too late. They don't call water the elixir of life for nothing.

'Ground Zero' a tribute in pictures

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulson

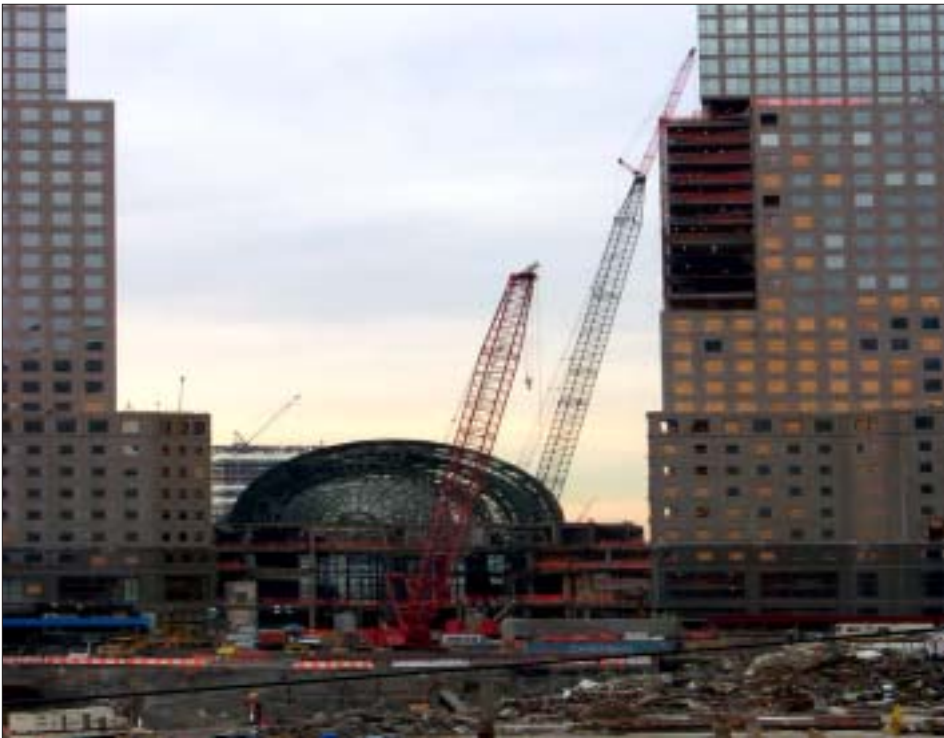
EDITOR: On a recent visit to New York City, Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulson stopped by and visited 'ground zero' at the World Trade Center. His pictures speak for themselves of the terror and anguish.



A member of New York's finest watching the crowds near 'ground zero'.



The New York waterfront as it looked after September 11. The WTC complex stood in the middle of the picture.



Construction machinery used to remove debris and repair damage to adjacent buildings.



The New York Stock Exchange sports a flag decoration on its front.



Onlookers stand in line to get a look at the damage.



A flag decorates a damaged building at the WTC site.



Heavy construction equipment used to remove the rubble.



Another view of the site.



A close-up view of the damage site.



Remembrances adorn a wall near ground zero.



The Statue of Liberty standing silently across the bay.

Son follows in the footsteps of father and grandfather

By Lt. Col. David A. Thomas

Aaron C. Hornok is one of the newest recruits in the 109th Air Control Squadron, but he comes from good stock.

His father, Lt. Col. Dan Hornok, has served in the Utah Air National Guard for a number of years as a Chaplain for the 151st Air Refueling Wing.

His grandfather, Rev. John Hornok, was at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS St. Louis on December 7, 1941.

John's father was a peanut farmer in southern Virginia. It was a hard life, so he joined the Navy in 1940 at Norfolk, Va. He was paid \$21 a month, which at the time was a lot of money for the son of a peanut farmer.

After training, the light cruiser USS St. Louis was John's first assignment. The ship, stationed at Pearl Harbor, had 1,200 sailors on board. John's normal job was as a machinist mate on the ship, but his battle position was serving on a

five-inch anti-aircraft gun crew.

John was supposed to leave the ship on the liberty boat at 8 a.m. on December 7 to go to a football game. He never even made it off the ship; the attack started at 7:55 a.m.

The St. Louis, docked across the bay from the

battleship row, was undamaged during the attack. It was the first major ship to leave Pearl Harbor after the attack. The captain kept the crew at general quarters for three days as they searched for the Japanese attack force.

They returned to Pearl on December 10. "I still vividly remember the rows of boxes lined up on the shore that contained the dead from the attack," said John.

John was in 11 engagements on the St. Louis throughout the Pacific theater, including the Marshall Island and Guadalcanal campaigns. The ship was nicknamed the "Lucky Lou" by her crew.

John served for six years. After leaving the Navy, he married his wife Frieda and became a minister.

His son Dan also became a minister and joined the Utah Air National Guard as a Chaplain. All of John's sons followed him



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Ormond

The oath of enlistment is given to Aaron C. Hornok by his Father Lt. Col. Dan Hornok.

into the ministry.

Dan's son has now joined the Utah Air National Guard. After basic training, he will go to Keesler AFB to learn how to repair radars.

John's advice to this grandson: "I want you to be patriotic. I knew men who died for \$21 a month."



John Hornok (left) met his brother Joe (right) in Hawaii on November 19, three weeks before Pearl Harbor.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Ormond

Aaron Hornok (center) is congratulated on his enlistment by his grandparents, John and Frieda Hornok (left) and his parents Sheryl and Dan Hornok (right).

Space-A travel fraud discovered

By Tech. Sgt. Gilles Gohier

On November 9, 2001, Senior Airman Melissa Sadler was instrumental in the discovery and apprehension of a Space-A passenger who used a fraudulent O-6 ID card to obtain travel benefits.

She remembered dealing with the retiree before. He was always a little condescending and made a point of reminding her of his rank to receive services. What sparked Sadler's attention was that she remembered him being a retired captain the last time he traveled Space-A.

Now, he appeared with a colonel's insignia on his hat and a new matching ID card, generated at another Air Force facility.

Sadler checked with the Military Personnel Flight and found that the ID

card was apparently valid and that he was enrolled in DEERs.

The aircraft commander assessed the situation and boarded the passenger but maintained vigilant for any unusual activity.

After the aircraft was in the air headed for Alaska it was determined, through the Security Forces, that the identity of the individual was false.

The aircraft commander was notified and the man was kept under surveillance by the crew.

The authorities at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, were notified. The aircraft landed uneventfully where the OSI and Elmendorf security forces detained the individual for questioning.

The individual was later arrested and indicted by civilian authorities in Alaska.

The investigation found out that he had modified his DD-214 record on a computer to qualify for the new ID card and had enrolled in DEERs under a false identity.

The investigation also revealed that while he had enlisted as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War era, he was discharged after a couple of years and was not eligible for retiree benefits.

Senior Airman Saddler showed great discernment in evaluating the safety of the crew and the plane and in fulfilling her duties.

Because of this incident, two forms of identification are now required before boarding Utah ANG aircraft.

Senior Airman Sadler received an award from the wing commander for her diligence.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

Sign of the times

The "Alert Route" signs are back on the Utah Air National Guard base after a few years in hiding. Amid the snow from a fresh winter storm, a KC-135E Stratotanker belonging to the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Air Refueling Wing, rests on the ramp ready for action, December 19th, 2001. Crews have been on alert in support of Operation Noble Eagle since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Colonel Linda P. Higgins Makes History in the Utah National Guard



photo by 640th RTI Staff

Colonel Linda P. Higgins is promoted as the first non-medical female full Colonel in the Utah Army National Guard

by Utah Minuteman Staff

Colonel Linda P. Higgins is the first non-medical female officer in the Utah National Guard to be promoted to Colonel. Linda entered military service October 18, 1977, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps on June 16, 1980, as a graduate of OCS Class 24 of the Utah Military Academy.

Colonel Higgins' service in the Utah Army National Guard has included the assignments of Personnel Administrative Officer, Maintenance Control Officer, Executive Officer (HHD Utah STARC), Logistics Officer (Army Garrison Camp Williams), Deputy Comptroller (Headquarters Utah STARC), and Training Officer (Headquarters Utah STARC). Colonel Higgins has recently served as Training Officer and Operations Officer of the Utah Military Academy, the

predecessor of the 640th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) where she is currently assigned.

In addition to her current assignment as the Commander of the 640th Regiment (RTI), Higgins has held command positions as Company Commander, 115th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company; Detachment Commander of HHD, Utah STARC; Commander, 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (during mobilization in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, in Kosovo); and Commander 2nd Battalion 140th RTI General Support Battalion.

Colonel Higgins is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. She has also completed the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Adjutant General Officer Basic Course and the Basic Airborne Course.

Colonel Higgins' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Utah Commendation Medal, Utah National Guard Service Ribbon and the Utah National Guard Recruiting Ribbon.

Colonel Higgins and her husband, CW4 Lynn Higgins, make their home in Alpine, Utah, and have four children, Joshua, Dax, Nikole and Christopher. In civilian life she is Director of Purchasing for Close To My Heart, Inc.

DEH Christmas Delight

by SFC Doug Dillinger

'Twas two weeks before Christmas
and all through the home,

the elderly were wondering, would
there be something for them

on Christmas morn.

It was learned by this office and what
a shock it was,

That sixteen of these people have no
one at all.

It is sad to say, that some of these
people that live there,

Would have nothing on this special
day.

When up from the group came such a
clatter,

We as caring people can make this
Christmas matter.

With contributions from all, the
personnel at DEH & SMD

Gathered up gifts for all sixteen who
lived there.

Each gift was wrapped with kindness
and care.

We knew for certain Ol' Saint Nick
was sure to be

There.

The joy and happiness that was
shown on each face,

Reminded us all, that these special
people

Were not alone and could save face.

Thanks so much for the people who
cared

For making this Christmas special for
those that are there.



Photo provided by DEH

*Christmas gifts gathered by
personnel of DEH to help needy
elderly during the Christmas
season*

State Employees Information



*Kimberly Stilson, Draper Custodian, working hard to keep the facility
clean and presentable for all the many extra visitors*

by PattiGriffith

We appreciate the hard work, long hours, and dedication to excellence the state employees of the Utah National Guard have exhibited over the past few, hectic months! Our maintenance people, security guards, firemen, and office personnel have been willing to take on additional duties in support of the 2002 Olympics, and their efforts helped contribute to the success of the games. These individuals worked quietly behind the scenes and at odd hours of the day, but their efforts did not go unnoticed. Many thanks to our state employees for their vital role in the success of the Guard!

Open Enrollment Information

Open enrollment for benefit changes is April 19 through May 31, 2002. Benefit fairs will be held at several locations. Information concerning the fairs will be posted in April; however, to help with your

scheduling, listed below are a few of the choices close to our work locations:

- Department of Agriculture – Friday,
April 19, 9:00-1:00
- Department of Transportation –
Thursday, April 25, 9:00-2:00
(4501 S. 2700 W.)
- State Tax Commission – Monday,
May 13, 9:00-3:00
- Fred House Academy – Thursday,
May 16, 9:00-3:00

All paperwork for benefit changes/updates is due by **Friday, May 24** to HRO-S (Toni Peacock or Patti Griffith). Changes will be effective July 1, 2002.

Performance Reviews

Performance reviews are due to Toni Peacock no later than **Friday, May 24, 2002**. We must have the review completed on each Schedule B employee. If you need blank copies of the Performance Review or Performance Management Plan (available in hard copy or in Word and WordPerfect format), please contact Patti Griffith at 523-4245.

Helping others brings the Spirit of Christmas home

By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

The Spirit of Christmas, giving to others, is not always found just at home.

While deployed to an undisclosed foreign location, Capt. Todd Meyer, the 169th Intelligence Squadron's Director of Operations, came across 11 orphaned boys who were living on the streets. He started a fund, with other unit members, to collect money to provide a home and beds for the boys.

According to Meyer, "During our deployment we discovered a boys orphanage that we had worked with in the past was evicted from the home they were in. The boys and the volunteers were forced out with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Several local families had taken the boys in until a new facility could be found."

The local Air Force detachment finally found a suitable building behind the local church.

"The facility was old and run down and needed a lot of work. Members of the unit volunteered their time and money to repair the plumbing, electrical and remove and replace the flooring. The facility had no furnishings or utilities and local government officials would not allow the home to be occupied until it had beds, a stove and a refrigerator," said Meyer.

Meyer said, "During our repair work on the home we made several trips to a small hardware store. During our shopping, we were having problems trying to find parts that would fit the old building. The storeowner was extremely helpful but became curious and asked us what all the parts were needed for. When we explained what we were doing, he asked if he could help. He ended up donating all the paint for the home. He explained that he was excited to see Americans helping the children of his country and wanted to be a part



Photo by 169th IS
The front door of the home found to house the orphans. The place needed lots of work prior to being habitable.

of a noble cause."

With the home ready, the next step was to locate the beds and other furnishings.

He eventually called his parents in Salt Lake City and asked them to buy 11 bunk beds and mattresses.

When his mother, Gerri, asked if the boys needed blankets, Meyer said, "They'll be happy with just beds." Gerri decided right there that she and her husband, David, would provide the bedding.

On Nov. 30, 2001, 12 bunk beds, mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and other sundries left the Utah Air National Guard base on a Nevada ANG C-130.

"We bought enough for 12 in case they find another boy who needs it," said Gerri.

Meyer's wife, Kori, sent a microwave, dishes and silverware for the boys.

Much of the cost is coming straight from Meyer's family pockets. When asked how this project will affect Christmas for their own families, Gerri said, "We have so much, and they have nothing."

"The exciting part of this project has

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Photo by 169th IS
Capt. Todd Meyer and Senior Master Sgt. Debra Fordyce (left) with the orphans and volunteer workers.

been to see how many people are willing to help. Friends and neighbors of my parents generously donated funding when they found out about the project. Deployed unit members donated over a thousand dollars to



Photo by 169th IS
Todd Meyer (front left) with unit members and the local volunteers.

purchase the stove and the refrigerator. I had one senior airman donate \$50, and several members donated over \$100 each," said Meyer.

The Meyer's son-in-law and daughter, Darrell and Michelle Rasmussen, who own a furniture store in Woods Cross, Utah, provided the beds and mattresses at a discount.

"Some of the most memorable

demonstrations of charity have been unexpected. After delivering the beds to the base, my parents went to a doctor's appointment. The receptionist asked my parents why they were dressed in snow boots and clothing. My parents explained what they had just finished doing and told her about the project. Later in the exam room, the receptionist wrote my parents a check for \$100. She said that the project was the kind of worthy cause she wanted to be a part of," said Meyer.

Added Meyer, "My mother had an experience while standing in line at a local department store to purchase the bedding. A customer asked her how many boys she had. After explaining to her about the project, the woman paid for her purchases and departed. When it was my mother's turn to checkout the clerk asked her if she would mind giving her a moment. She left and when she returned she said she could not help but overhear the conversation about the project. She had asked and gotten the manager to approve a discount on our purchases."

Meyer told his mother, "This is the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
David and Gerri Meyer with the Nevada ANG C-130 carrying the beds in the background



Photo by 169th IS
Capt. Meyer (left) supervises the unloading of the cargo after delivery by the Nevada ANG.

neatest thing I've ever done in my life." He added, "Next year we're not exchanging presents, we're going to do something like this."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
The Meyers watch as the C-130 takes off from Salt Lake International Airport. The C-130 carried the beds and other comforts for the orphans



Photo by 169th IS
John Morton and Lee Scott unload the beds at the orphan's new home

ROTC Cadets at SUU Win Big

by Southern Utah University ROTC Staff

In only their third year of existence, the Southern Utah University Cadet program walked away with the "Big Prize"-- a 200-pound redwood bear (first place overall trophy)! This is the prize for the overall winner of the ROTC Golden Bear Brigade Ranger Challenge competition at Ft. Hunter Leggett, California. The competition was between 22 university ROTC Ranger Challenge Teams from California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and included the university powerhouses of UCLA, USC, BYU, U of U, Weber, ASU, University of Arizona, Stanford, and Berkley just to name a few. There were 11 teams listed as small schools and 11 teams listed as large schools, determined by the number of cadets enrolled. Southern Utah University won the small school trophy and was the first small school ever to be the overall winner.

The SUU Team was comprised of 10 SUU cadets, all members of the Utah National Guard under the simultaneous membership program: Ian Berg, Tyler Young, Clayton Anderson, Brian Luth, Brian Yardley, David Fischer, Ryan Mundy, Broc Tatum, Chris Pierce, and Azzedine Azouz. The team coach was MAJ Richard Miller. The fact that all competitors were members of the Utah National Guard and have attended basic training was an advantage in the competition according to Miller.

The competition consisted of six grueling events over a two-day period. During the competition SUU won 1st place in the Rope Bridge, 3rd place in the Obstacle Course, 3rd place in the 10K Ruck March, 4th place in the Land Navigation and 5th place in the APFT. The M16 event was cancelled due to the restriction on M16s as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks.



photo by Southern Utah University ROTC Staff
Members of Southern Utah University Ranger Challenge winning team

Last year SUU finished second overall and this year was determined to take 1st place. The cadets trained hard almost every day over an eight-week period. The hard work and attention to detail paid off.

"This is kind of like our NCAA Tournament, that's how big time this is to us," said MAJ Richard Miller, a professor and chairman of the SUU Military Science Department. The school doesn't receive any funding regarding how they do in the competition. But like an athletic event, we get notoriety and it's some fame and tribute for the cadets for their efforts." Cadet Berg said it was a little intimidating. Southern Utah University only has 57 cadets to draw from for their team compared with some of the larger schools who have 150-160 students in their ROTC programs. The other programs draw from schools with 10,000 to 40,000 students and buildings as big as the whole campus of SUU.

According to Miller, "Fresno State came into the competition with the big edge because they trained at Ft. Hunter Leggett for four weeks prior to the event and knew the course and knew the locations in the land navigation, which gave them a big advantage." The SUU cadets overcame all odds and showed their "true grit."

Congratulations also go out to Weber State for winning the "large school trophy." Utah did well.

Award Winning Bodybuilder is Member of the Utah Guard

by Spec. Michael P. Pezeshki

Spec. Michael P. Pezeshki, a member of the Support Company 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), is one of the top bodybuilders in the state of Utah. This is his story:

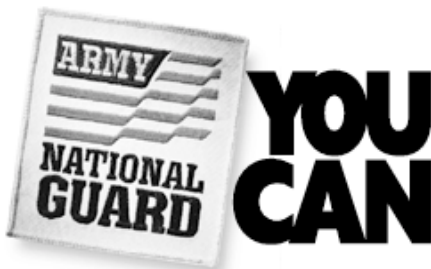
"My bodybuilding career unintentionally started when I was 14 years old. I wanted to play football; however, my mom would not sign me up until I watched a football practice. After watching a practice, I got scared and did not sign up. I was furious with myself for that reaction so I started the very next day in my basement bench pressing 4 sets of 10, five days a week. My body responded well to this workout. After about six months of this routine my junior high teacher, John Jesse, started me in a weight-lifting club. This is where I learned how to properly work out. By my sophomore year of high school, about two years later, I started on the Varsity football team for Granite High School. I entered my first bodybuilding competition that same year and placed third. From 1985 to 1988 I competed in the Mr. Utah contest and was the first teenager to win the men's open in 1987. I joined the military in 1989, and did not compete again until 1993 while stationed in Germany. I won the Armed Forces European Championships, The Gold's Gym Classic, and the Middleweight Mr. Germany. I also played football for the U.S. Air Force and volleyball for the U.S. Army during this same time period.

I returned to the States in 1995, and started college. I did not compete



photo provided by Spec. Pezeshki
Spec. Michael P. Pezeshki during body building competition
 again until 1999 when I won the Mr. Utah Title. In 2000 I won the Mr. Nevada and in 2001 I won both Utah and the Nevada. I have qualified to enter the Nationals to attain my professional status, but have not finalized my future plans. I graduated from college last year and I am looking at pursuing military options, which I also enjoy.

Although I have enjoyed all the workouts, and all the benefits received from them, bodybuilding is not something I plan to continue for the rest of my life. I enjoy working out because I have done it for so many years and it has become a habit. I enjoy competing because it gives me an incentive to discipline myself three months out of the year while I prepare for the competition. During this time I don't constantly eat at Burger King or McDonald's and other fast food chains which many of us frequent."



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The new look for our magazine

We received a number of recommendations for the new name for the Utah National Guard Joint periodic publication. The name that was selected was "UTAH MINUTEMAN, Utah National Guard's Joint Magazine Connecting the pieces." This was a compilation of ideas submitted by Capt. Mike Mismash of the Army Guard and MSgt. Ren Willie of the Air Guard. Thank you for your recommendations.

This publication reflects many of the changes the Utah National Guard publication committee has recommended for our magazine. Our intent is to make this a more informative, interesting, and appealing publication for you and your family. Therefore, your input and continued recommendations are welcome. Recommended changes can be forwarded to the Utah National Guard Public Affairs Office by any means convenient to you: e-mail (craig.morgan@ut.ngb.army.mil) or (terry.haslam@ut.ngb.army.mil), by fax 523-4711, telephone 523-4407 or 523-4229, or via memo.

As part of the changes, the layout was converted to a more compatible system to serve you better. These changes will enable us to put the publication on our web site electronically, and improve the exchange of information between the Army and Air Guard. We thank the Directorate of Information Management for providing the tools to help us stay paced with the industry standard.

The publisher of this magazine is the Adjutant General, Brian L. Tarbet. The publication committee is comprised of LTC Craig Morgan, the STARC Public Affairs Officer/Editor, Lt. Col. David Thomas, the Air Guard Community Manager and Public Affairs Officer, and Terry Haslam, Production /Circulation Manager. We are striving to make the "Utah Minuteman" one of the best publications in the military, and inform you and your family what is happening throughout the Utah National Guard and give you a better understanding of how the pieces fit together.

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LTC Morgan and Terry Haslam discussing the Minuteman new look



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THE GUARD IN REVIEW

Instruments are sounding as the military life of old
As their many voices join the drum beat, oh so bold.
They urge the proud forms to march forward, oh so true
To perform so faithfully their annual pass and review.

The state's Commander in Chief stands tall and proud
Before the onlookers that form the appreciative crowd
Of equally proud faces, some seasoned and some young
For they march to keep their nation safe and strong.

Their boots pound the sod as thousands have before
Guardsmen sent to varied peoples and lands at war.

Nearby the remains of the fallen peacefully rest
In the shade of monumental memory of Utah's best.

The familiar colors and hues of military dress
Their differences can not hide or even repress.
They represent our nation as the gathering place
For the world's searching, striving of every race.

Their combined talents, skills and knowledge taken
With each as their community's need does awaken
An inner strength for each to leave a loving home
To protect the peace and safety of our stately dome.

The young play and stir for they do not yet realize
That they represent all the marchers' greatest prize
The future generation to be called to march as hard,
With the same pride, the life's blood of Utah's Guard.

By SGT I. E. Allen

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Utah National Guard Olympic Highlights



The Adjutant General shakes President Bush's hand



UTNG Leaders meet The Secretary Of Defense, Mr. Rumsfeld



Air Force One parked in front of the Utah Air National Base Operations while President Bush attends the Opening Ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, with the Olympic Rings burning in the foothills background



Members of the Utah National Guard and mounted members of the Utah Highway Patrol gather in front of the Utah State Capitol prior to the arrival of President Bush with Governor Leavitt



Col. Patrick Wilson, Downtown Area Commander, and Col. David Robinson, Downtown Area Deputy Commander, sit in the set used for the NBC Broadcasts of the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics.



A Utah National Guard UH-60 Helicopter, flown by Col. Whiteford and CW3 Upton, takes off from the front steps of the Utah State Capitol after Governor Leavitt addressed the 2002 Winter Olympic Volunteers



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